TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, the 21st April, 1923.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-four of the Clock with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Clerks in the Offices of Assistant Sanitary Officers.

252. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of clerks in the offices of Assistant Sanitary Officers and to lay on the table a caste-war statement of those clerks?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: The total number of clerks attached to the Sanitary Circle Offices is 9. The statement* called for is laid on the table.

Commission from Messrs. Ferris and Co.

253. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) With reference to the answer furnished to Question No. 139 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th Vrischikam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to mention the name of the head of the department against whom an insinuation was made by Messrs. Ferris and Co. that he had demanded a commission?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a true copy of the letter sent by Messrs. Ferris and Co. to the Government in that matter?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The Darbar Physician.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: What is the objection to placing on the table the copy of the letter referred to in part (*b*) of my question?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: That letter is treated as confidential by the Government.

* *Vide* Appendix—page 1185.

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